

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2321 - SB 2300

April 3, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Changes the responsibility of administering the TennCare program from the Department of Health to the Department of Finance and Administration. The State no longer would process TennCare applications for categories of enrollees that are no longer covered. The Comptroller is required to report annually to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Speaker of the Senate regarding cost and use of prescription drugs in nursing homes.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000

Assumptions:

- The Office of the Comptroller will need additional staff to perpetually monitor and report on the use and cost of prescription drugs by nursing home residents.
- 2-3 research analysts/auditors dedicated to the project at \$60,000 plus 25% for benefits annually.
- Additional costs related to review, editing, and printing.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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